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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 30 with the following amended paragraph:

In a depilating apparatus in accordance with the invention, the determination means for determining different application lengths as desired may be in the form of, for instance, two application rollers provided at a distance from each other, with which two application rollers the application length can be determined, wherein means for changing the distance between the two application rollers are provided so that, by changing the distance between the two application rollers, the application length can be changed by the user of an apparatus of this kind if so desired. In respect of an especially simple design, it has proved advantageous, however, if the features as ~~claimed in claim 2~~ described in the claims are also provided in a depilating apparatus in accordance with the invention. An especially simple, operationally reliable design can be achieved in this manner. A design of this kind has proved extremely advantageous in respect of the simplest possible operation. In a depilating apparatus in accordance with the invention, the control button may take the form of a push button, wherein, with the push button in its first position as accomplished by pushing it, the blocking means assumes the release position, and wherein, with the push button in its second position as accomplished by not pushing it, the blocking means assumes the blocking position. It is, however, also extremely advantageous if the control button takes the form of a sliding button that can be slid between two positions, which sliding button is held in each of its two positions by a latching means. In a depilating apparatus in accordance with the invention, a design may also be realized, however, in which the blocking means can be controlled with the aid of the application means in that, through the pressing of the application means onto the skin, the blocking means is shifted into its release position.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 17 with the following amended paragraph:

In a depilating apparatus in accordance with the invention, it has further proved extremely advantageous if, in addition, the features as ~~claimed in claim 3~~ described in 3 the claims are provided. In this manner, an especially simple, readily performed application of the depilating tape to the skin of a person is ensured. The application means may, however, also be realized in the form of a hoop or spatula or multiple adjacent coaxial disks.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 22 with the following amended paragraph:

In a depilating apparatus as described in the paragraph above, it has proved extremely advantageous if, in addition, the measures as ~~claimed described in claim 4~~ the claims are provided. As a result, a detachment of the used depilating tape is also enabled with the aid of the depilating apparatus itself, which is advantageous in respect of simple handling. It should be mentioned, however, that the detachment of used depilating tape may also be undertaken with a cutting device that is separate from the depilating apparatus, for instance with a pair of scissors or a blade.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 29 with the following amended paragraph:

In a depilating apparatus in accordance with the invention, it has further proved extremely advantageous if, in addition, the features as ~~claimed described in claim 5~~ the claims are provided. This is an advantage in respect of a simple introduction of a depilating tape into the depilating apparatus. Furthermore, this is advantageous in respect of a satisfactory operating mode of the blocking means. Instead of a supply reel, however, a supply of depilating tape may also be provided in the form of a stack formed by zigzag folding of the depilating tape in a depilating apparatus in accordance with the invention.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

In a depilating apparatus as described in the paragraph above, it has proved extremely advantageous if, in addition, the features as ~~claimed described in claim 6~~ the claims are provided. As a result, a design is obtained in which a detachment of used depilating tape after each depilating procedure is unnecessary, which is advantageous in respect of simple handling.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 7 with the following amended paragraph:

In a depilating apparatus as described in the paragraph above, it has proved extremely advantageous if, in addition, the features as ~~claimed described in claim 7~~ the claims are provided. With a design of this kind, it is advantageously achieved that the pull-off force and the pull-off speed with which a depilating tape is pulled away from the skin of a person are

determined by the motor torque and therefore constant pull-off conditions are ensured in virtually all operational situations.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 13 with the following amended paragraph:

In a depilating apparatus as described in the paragraph above, it has proved extremely advantageous if, in addition, the features as ~~elaimed~~described in ~~elaim 8~~the claims are provided. With a design of this kind, it is advantageously achieved that the flux of force between the motor and the wind-up reel can be interrupted so that the wind-up reel can be caused to rotate independently of the motor, and that therefore, when the depilating tape is applied to the skin of a person, the used depilating tape can be pulled off the wind-up reel again, which advantageously results in a saving in depilating tape.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 20 with the following amended paragraph:

In a depilating apparatus as described in the paragraph above, it has proved extremely advantageous if, in addition, the features as ~~elaimed~~described in ~~elaim 9~~the claims are provided. With a design of this kind, it is advantageously achieved that the interruption of the drive connection is enabled in an extremely reliable and simple manner.